



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCILMAN
SCOTT H. PETERS

FIRST DISTRICT

March 7, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
1350 Front Street
Suite 6054
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On February 24, 2005, San Diego Mayor Murphy and the City Council declared a local state of emergency, which has been submitted to the State Office of Emergency Services. It is now up to you to designate a state declaration of emergency so that San Diego may be evaluated for assistance from the federal government.

I spent Saturday talking to homeowners and touring their damaged homes. I can personally attest to the severe damage that many of the homes incurred. As of Thursday, March 3, over 150 properties in the City of San Diego had damage to their home, yard or exterior structures. That number is expected to grow because of additional rain that fell this past Friday and Saturday. The State Office of Emergency Services and FEMA also toured damaged areas in San Diego last week. They were able to survey the damage and begin to compile a list of properties that may qualify for FEMA individual assistance.

I respectfully request that you declare a state of emergency in San Diego and forward your designation to the federal government. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and your work on behalf of the people of San Diego.

Sincerely,

Scott Peters